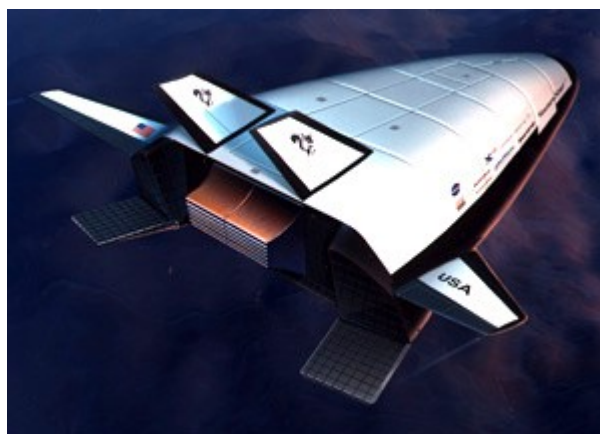


Where the journey begins...

The X-33 space plane



The destination...

CERN facility, Geneva, Switzerland



Overview of underground LHC tunnel reaching into France



Arriving at CERN by air



Entering the main facility



Beneath CERN...

Cross-section of CERN



Huge underground detectors for analyzing particle collisions



The Swiss Guard
The most loyal sentinels on earth

Outside the Secret Vatican Archives



At entrance to the Papal Apartments

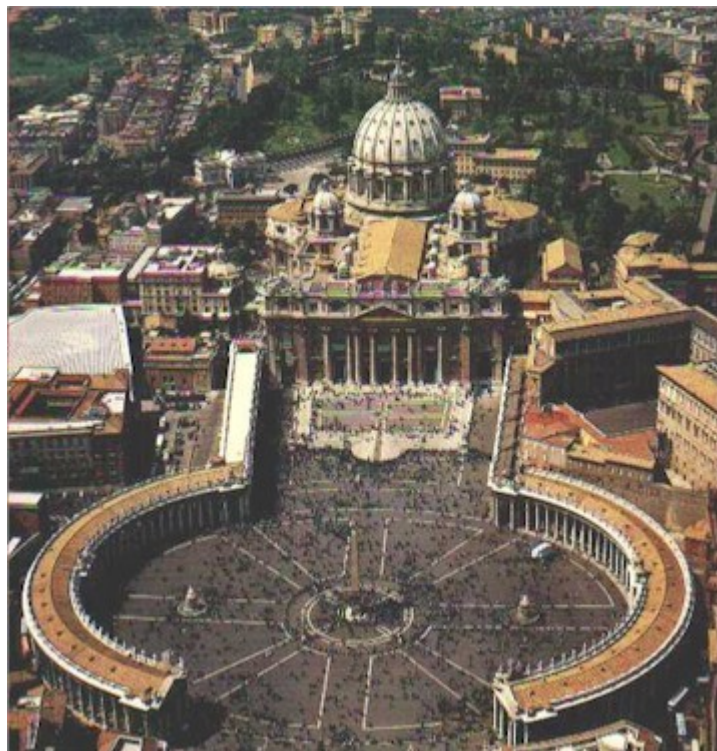


Watching over the smallest country in the world



St. Peter's Basilica
The largest shrine on earth.

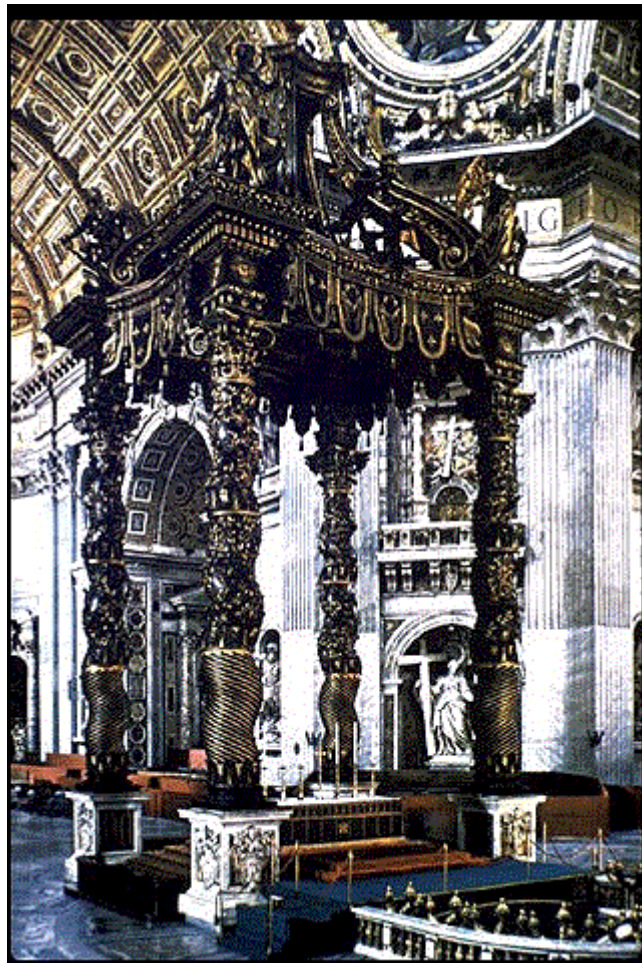
St. Peter's Square, basilica, and Vatican Gardens behind



Inside the basilica... space for 60,000 worshippers



Bernini's famed baldachin over the papal altar



Cardinals on the Grand Staircase



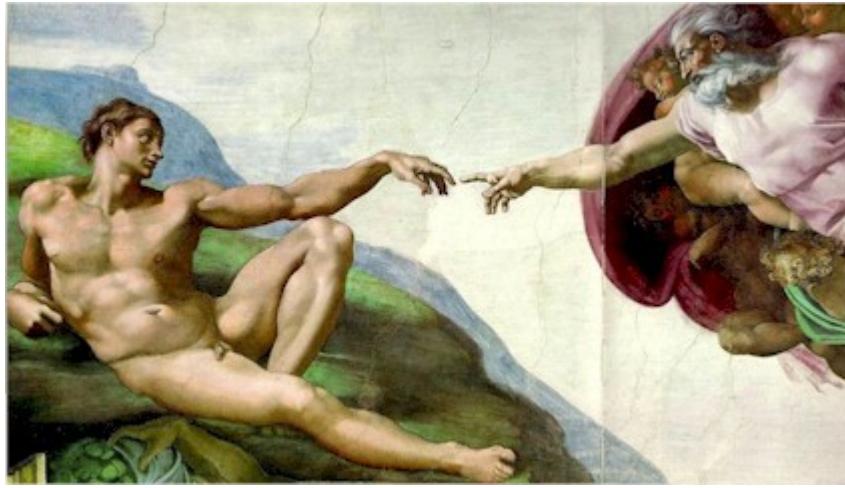
The Sistine Chapel

Where the cardinals are sealed during the mysterious ritual of conclave The largest shrine on earth.

Sistine Chapel interior



Michelangelo's Creation... from the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel



"Michelangelo's Last Judgement, looks like a canvas of a fair, painted for a wrestling booth by an ignorant coal heaver." - Guy de Maupassant



Path of Illumination - Earth
The Chigi Chapel

"Habakkuk and the Angel" Angel pointing the way down the Path of Illumination



Chigi Chapel's pyramid tomb by Bernini

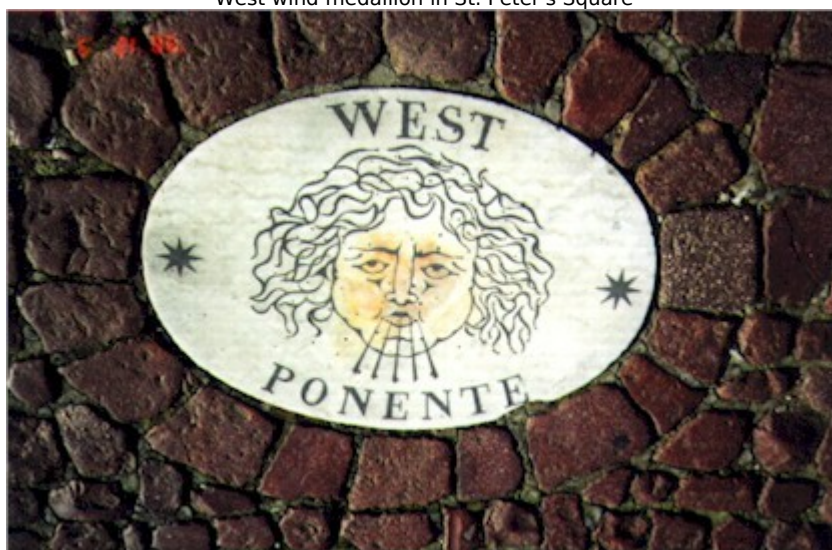


Skeleton cupermiento covering the "demon's hole" and subterranean crypt

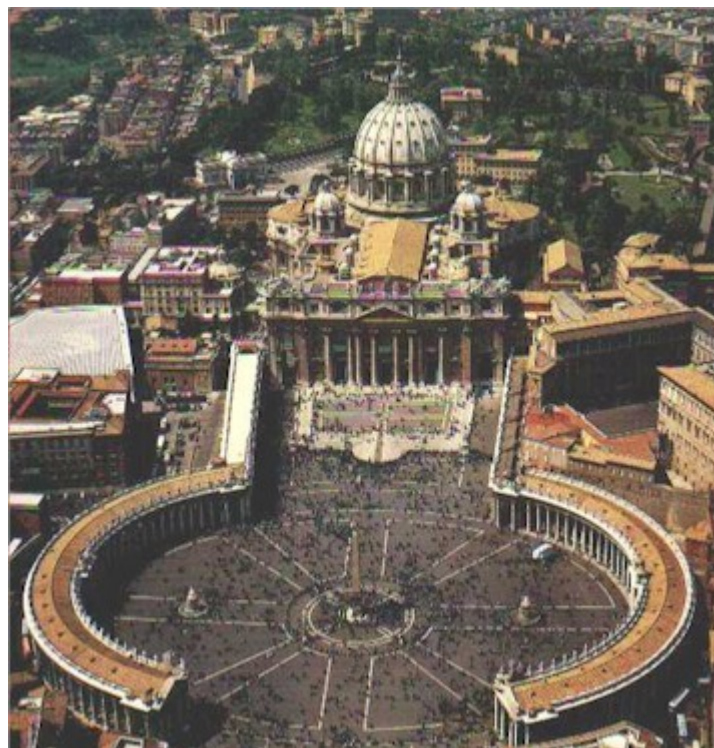


Path of Illumination - Air
St. Peter's Square - West Ponente

West wind medallion in St. Peter's Square



Obelisk in St. Peter's Square



Path of Illumination - FIRE
The Ecstasy of St. Teresa

"...his great golden spear...filled with fire... plunged into me several times...penetrated to my entrails...a sweetness so extreme that one could not possibly wish it to stop." - St. Teresa



Interior of Church of Santa Maria della Vittoria



Path of Illumination - Water
Bernini's Fountain of the Four Rivers

Bernini's carvings...each figure representing a river



Obelisk with dove atop Note: This dove is taken down and cleaned every three years and from time to time will point the opposite direction that it does in the novel



Piazza Navona with Bernini's Fountain



**Path of Illumination - Illuminati Lair
Castle St. Angelo**

Castle St. Angelo and a placid Tiber River



Balcony atop Castle St. Angelo



Bernini's angelic "Breezy Maniacs" on the Bridge of Angels



Path of Illumination - Il Passetto
The secret passageway between Castle St. Angelo and the Vatican

Inside the Passetto... beneath the aqueduct



The author outside the entrance to the Passetto



Inside the Passetto... near the Castle



The Passetto as it leaves the castle... disguised as an aqueduct



"And there it was that I found and visited the famous Galileo, grown old, a prisoner to the Inquisition, for thinking in astronomy otherwise than the Franciscan and Dominican licensers thought."

-John Milton, from Areopagitica (1644)*

Galileo's handmade wooden compass (and the Masonic Compass beside it)



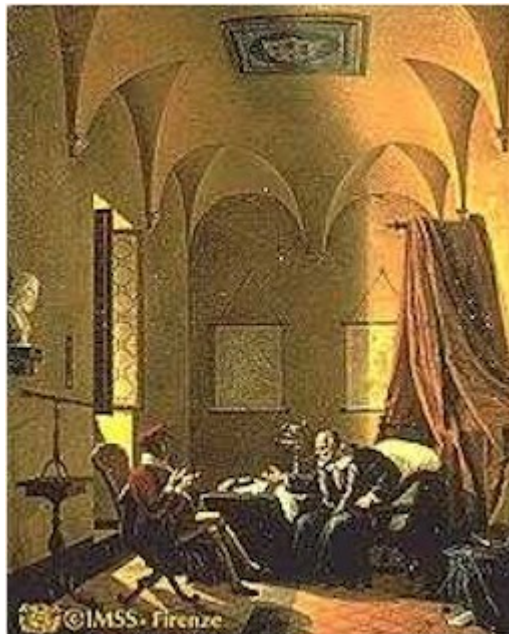
Index finger of Galileo's right hand. Detached from Galileo's hand in 1737 by Anton Francesco Gori and the "Cult of Galileo." Now property of the Museo di Storia della Scienza in Florence.



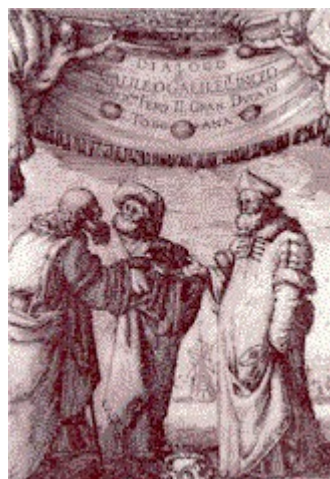
On the base the following verse by Thomas Perellius is inscribed:

"This is the finger with which the illustrious hand covered the heavens and indicated their immense space. It pointed to new stars with the marvelous instrument, made of glass, and revealed them to the senses. And thus it was able to reach what Titania could never attain."

Famous painting of Galileo and Milton by Annibale Gatti



Galileo showing Milton his telescope...



The first edition of Galileo's most celebrated and controversial work -- DIALOGO -- his defense of the Copernican system and challenge to Aristotelian and classical orthodoxy, which resulted in Galileo's trial by the Inquisition and his forced abjurement of the Copernican 'heresy'. Written in the form of a discussion between three friends, the book is, as John Carter has pointed out, "a masterly polemic for the new science. It revels in the simplicity of Copernican thought and, above all, it teaches that the movement of the earth makes sense in philosophy, that is, in physics."

Symbols

The Illuminati "all-seeing eye" from the Great Seal of the United States



The Masonic compass. Does the G stand for God... or the sacred science of Geometry?



The CERN logo. Two circles, five arms...



The Great Seal of the United States with the "all-seeing eye."



Miscellaneous



Hotel Bernini... (location of the novel's final scene)



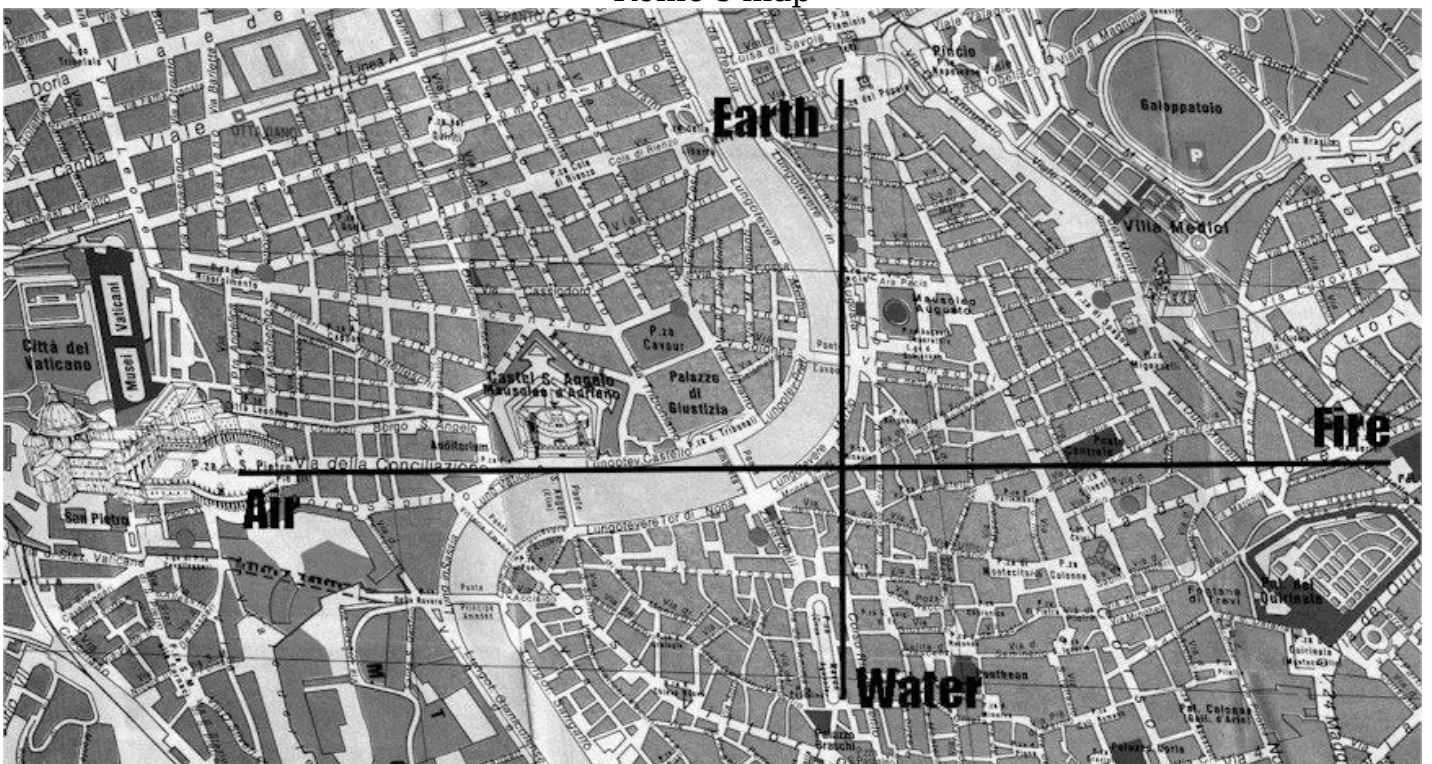
Indoor skydiving (yes, it really IS possible)



Langdon's aerial view of Tiberina Island



Rome's map





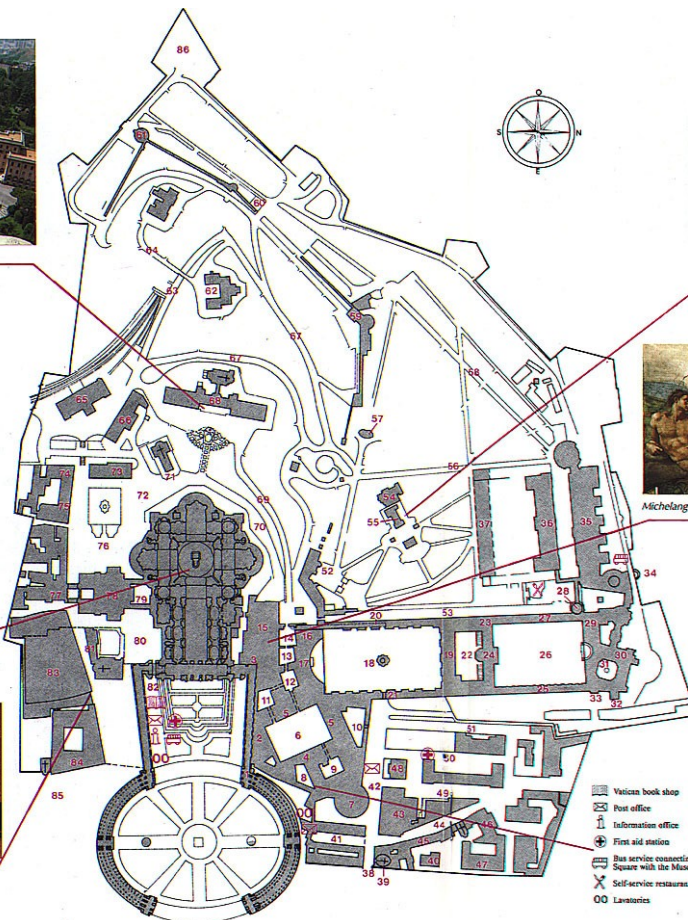
The Government Palace.



The High Altar of St Peter's.



The Papal Audience Hall.



The 'Casina' of Pius IV.



Michelangelo's Creation of Adam in the Sistine Chapel.



Pope John Paul II addressing the crowd in St Peter's Square.

- 1 Bronze Doors
- 2 Stairway of Pius IX
- 3 Royal Stairway (Scala Regia)
- 4 Noble Stairway (Scala Nobilis)
- 5 Loggia
- 6 Courtyard of St. Damasus
- 7 Tower of Nicholas V
- 8 Courtyard of the 'Nagardome'
- 9 Courtyard of Sixtus V
- 10 Courtyard of the 'Murocchio'
- 11 Courtyard of the 'Murocchio'
- 12 Courtyard of the 'Pappagalli'
- 13 Borgo Courtyard
- 14 Courtyard of the Sentinel
- 15 Sistine Chapel
- 16 Borgo Tower
- 17 Borgo Apartments Raphael Rooms (2nd floor)
- 18 Courtyard of the Belvedere
- 19 Apostolic Library (Hall of Sixtus V)
- 20 Apostolic Library (Christian Museum)
- 21 Gallery of Maps (2nd floor)
- 22 Courtyard of the Library
- 23 Tower of the Winds
- 24 'Bianco Nuvoli' of the Chiaramonti Museum
- 25 Chiaramonti Museum
- 26 Courtyard of the 'Pigna'
- 27 Apostolic Library (Pinecone Museum)
- 28 Gallery of Tapestries, Gallery of the Candelabra (2nd floor)
- 29 The Four Gates of Quattro Cancelli
- 30 Gregorian Egyptian Museum
- 31 Gregorian Etruscan Museum
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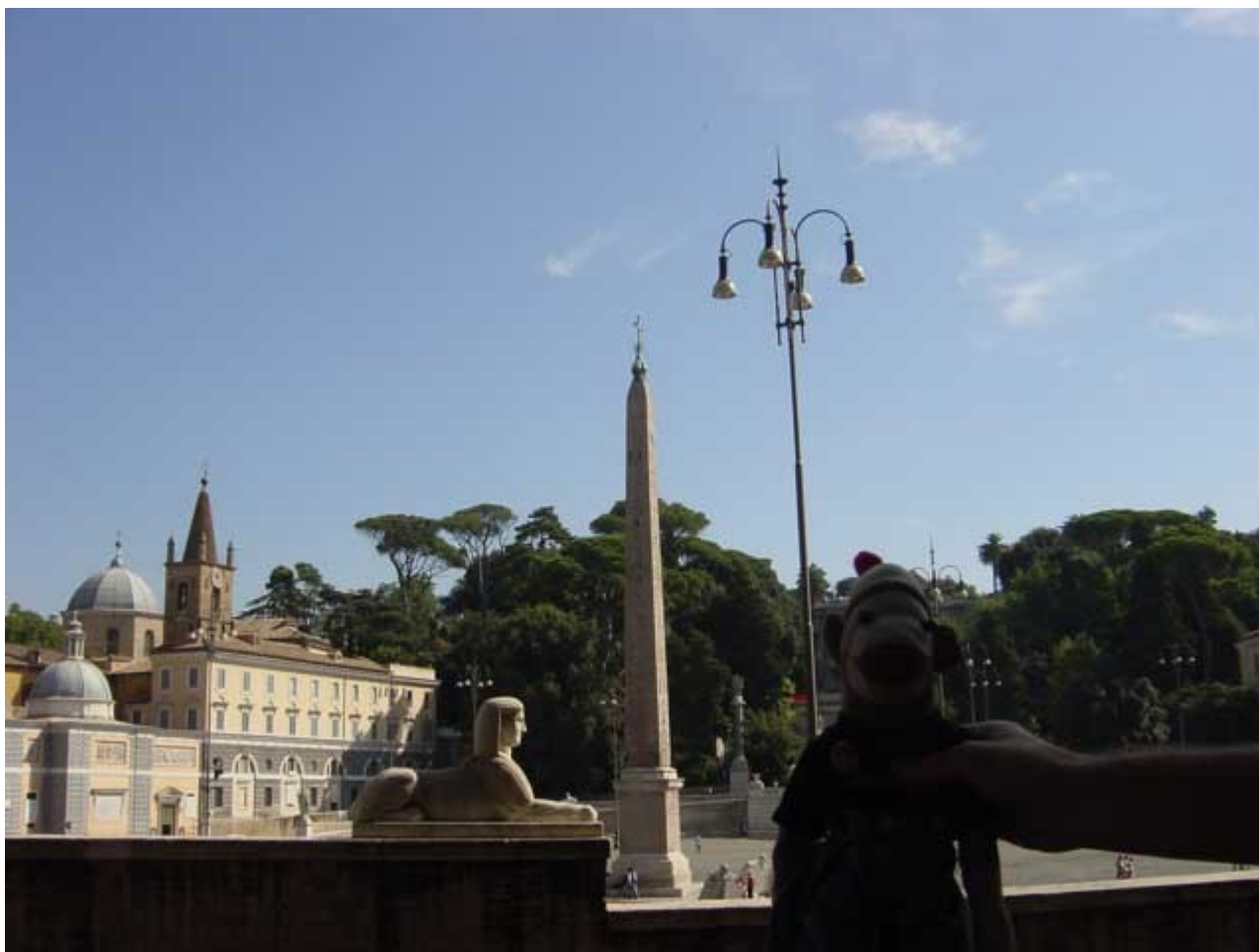
Popolo sign



The Pantheon



Raphael Santi's Tomb



Piazza del Popolo



Star above Popolo



Santa Maria del Popolo



Exterior of Popolo Church



Skull and bones in Popolo



Chigi Chapel—Earth



Pyramid in the Chapel



Angel and Habakkuk



Chigi Chapel



West Ponente—Wind



St. Peter's



Bernini Hotel



Santa Maria della Vittoria



St. Theresa—Fire



Piazza Navona—Water



Obelisk with Dove



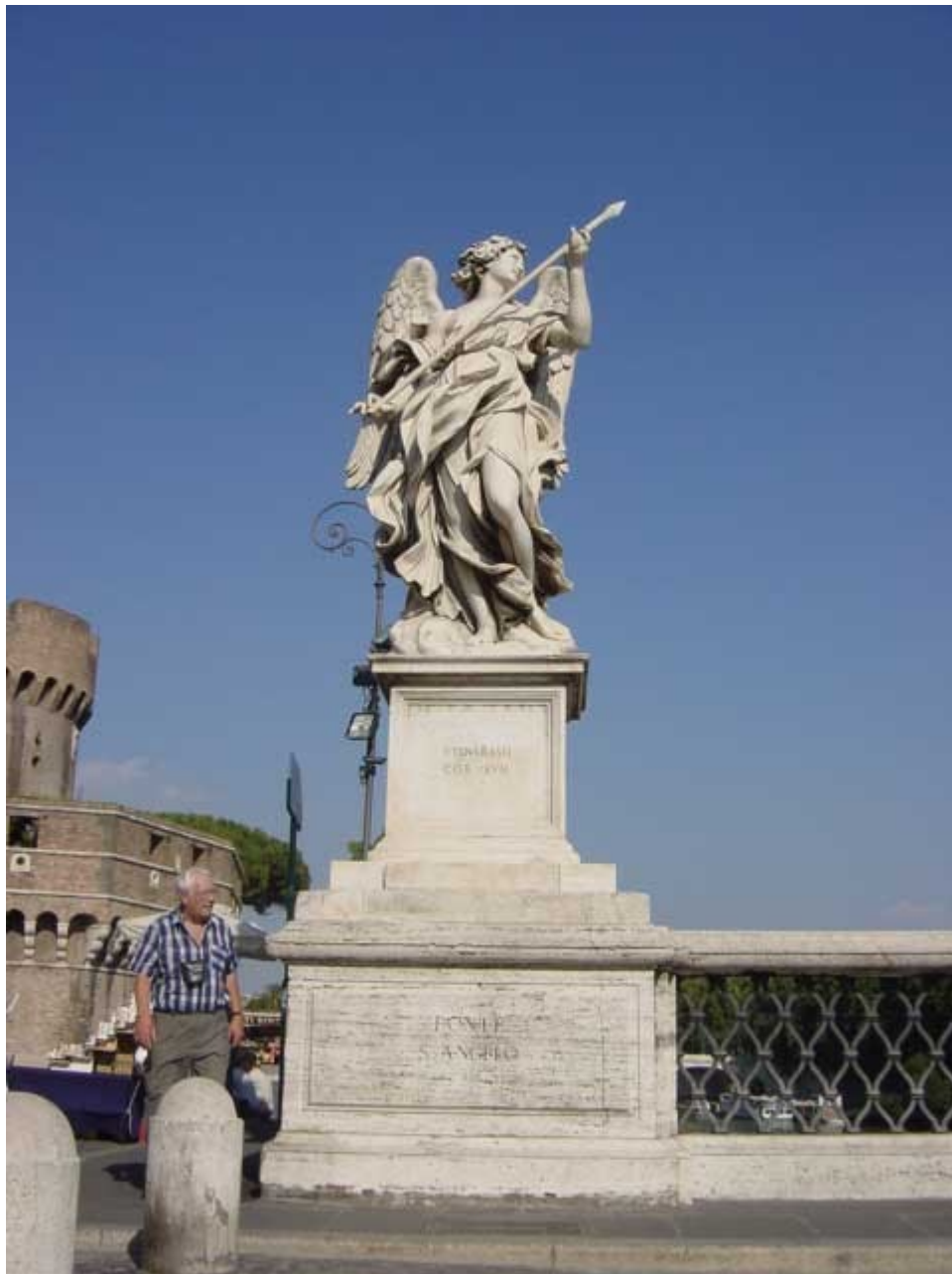
Dove



Horse in the Fountain



Castel San Angelo



Angel on the Bridge



Road blocks



Interior tunnels in castle



Angel on the Castel